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SUBJ: AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

REF: EDMONDSON TO CRUMP OFFICIAL-INFORMAL JULY 28

1. IN REF MSG WE SOLICITED DEPT'S VIEWS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SOUTH AFRICA. INITIATOR OF IDEA, HENSHEL OF BULOVA, HAS INFORMED CONGEN JOHANNESBURG THAT IF WE HAD ANY MISGIVINGS AT ALL, HE WOULD DROP IDEA. HE WAS INFORMED REVIEW OF MATTER HAD BEEN REQUESTED FROM DEPT AND HE SAID HE WOULD DO NOTHING UNTIL WE HEAR FURTHER.

2. ONE POINT NOT MENTIONED IN REF LETTER IS THAT DURING JULY MEETING OF FRIENDS OF USSALEP, A SHOW OF HANDS REVEALED THAT 25 OR 26 FIRMS, OR ABOUT HALF OF THOSE PRESENT, WERE INTERESTED IN CHAMBER.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS TO ENABLE CONGEN JOHANNESBURG TO ADVISE HENSHEL. OUR NEGATIVE REACTIONS HAVE BEEN REINFORCED BY DEVELOPMENTS HERE AND IN U.S. SUBSEQUENT TO REF MSG.
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